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Airfields 1.

- Berte: Formations of twenty to thirty fast combat planes, which were based on the Barta airfield, have been observed in the area.
- b. Birzai (50°10°N; 24°45°E); Forty two-motor planes were located on the field. Long stacks of bombs, which were up to six feet in length, were placed an a forest on the east of the airfield; two large stacks of crates of ammunition and bombs were also stored here.
- C. Raincions airfield, at Rigas Formations of forty to fifty very fast combat planes have been observed around the field.
- Krustpils (56°30'E; 25°51'E): Planes with two and four motors are d. based on the field.
- Ventspile (57024 E; 21036 E): Formations consisting of fifty to sixty two-motor planes were observed around the field.
- Zemgale: A new airfield was under construction during the spring months. It is reported that farmers and horses were drafted for work on the airfield during the planting season, at a time when they were most needed on the farms,

2. Fortifications, roads, ammunition dumps

- Priebule (55°34'N; 21°18'E) and Skuodas (56°15'N; 21°35'E); Special concrete fortifications, for long-range artillery positions, ere located in the areas; 20-25 cm cannon, and other tractor-transported heavy guns, have also been observed around the towns.
- b. Ventspile-Ovizi-Pitrage: Coast artillery capaon are placed along the seashore. Roads for military purposes have been built at Dundaga, Graka, Pitrags, Ovizi, Ventspils, and Pape, and herre amount of amount tien are

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stored in the forests nearby. The region of Zilie Kalni has been evacuated of civilians and is closely guarded by troops and trained dogs.

- c. Uzavas Large long-range cannon are placed on the seaside. Military roads have been built in the vicinity.
- d. <u>Liepāja</u> (56030°N; 21°E)—<u>Priekule—Skuodas—Sventoji</u> (unlocated on map)?
 Military roads have been built in the forest regions.
- e. Paplaka District: Long-range cannon have been set up for the purpose of guarding Liepāja harbor and Bernati seaside. Military roads have been built in Durbe, Cirava, and Ziemupe regions.
- f. Dundage: Transports carrying boxes, 5-6 x 2 x 2 meters in size, have been noted near Kolkasrags, moving in the direction of Zilie Kalni.

 All of these transports are guarded by special security troops and it is believed that they contain V-weapons. Source also noted that seven of the boxes had been placed on one hillside.
- 3. Deportations: From 60,000 to 80,000 persons were sent to Siberia, Vorkuta, Molotov, and to points beyond the Urals in the period from May 1945 to May 1947.

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